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*"I am convinced, and I bear my testimony to you, that Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the children of men, has never at any time since the organization of this Church been very far from it."*—SAMUEL O. BENNION.

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## CULTURE AND HAPPINESS

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OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE

IMPROVEMENT is the law of life, and mutuality is the law of association. The very name of the Mutual Improvement Association dedicates it to the highest idealism. While the purposes of the organization are idealistic, the means employed by it are very practical. It adopts the underlying philosophy of life which the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ teaches to mankind. It holds that all things have spiritual significance, that true religion is a programme of living, that man was not made for the church, but that the church, with all its agencies and facilities, has been set up for the use and blessing of man. These conceptions are very vital. They make a difference in the way people look at things.

There was a time when religionists looked upon the theater as the work of Satan, and upon dancing with great intolerance. To dance in the church would have been the height of irreverence. These prejudices were the result of inadequate conceptions of the purpose of life and of the function of the church. The philosophy of early Christianity was extremely ascetic in character, the influence of which has remained, even to this day. The highest form of devotion was to be found in monasteries and in nunneries from which even the light of day was sometimes excluded. The fragrance and colour of life were thought to be only for the worldly; the devout must deny themselves beauty, love, and comfort.

It is strange that this should have been so. It was surely a misinterpretation of the life of the Saviour. He was not the Man of Sorrows they thought Him to be. He suffered greatly, we know, but He surely was not unhappy in His ministry. He carried good cheer with Him everywhere. He wept. He also feasted and made merry with His friends, and certainly He must have had

great joy in the relief and the happiness He continually brought to others. His message was a message of joy and of life—more abundant life than the world had ever known before. So it was, and it is a mistake to interpret Him as sombre, sad, and joy-killing. Thousands of glad hearts have been lost to His cause by such an interpretation.

It seems almost incredible that only in recent times has the truth been forcefully brought to the world that "men are that they might have joy," and that even evil itself is in the world to enhance, ultimately, the joy of man. How much these cheerful, hopeful philosophies have added to the beauty and vitality of religion, we can scarcely realize, and the world does not yet understand.

As I conceive it, one of the major purposes of the great Mutual Improvement Association is to teach people that they can be good and still be happy. Perhaps this is more forcefully stated conversely; that they cannot be truly happy unless they are good. This idea is an immense contribution, particularly to youth. Youth loves and longs for happiness. Who would rob the spring-time of life of its fragrance, its colour, its enthusiasm, its hopes and its dreams? Surely not one who understands, not one who remembers his young days, when his heart was buoyant and filled with the love of adventure.

To make youth understand that they are understood, however, it is essential that all phases of their living be dealt with in a very practical way. Religion will guide them only if it is made to appear adequate and satisfying. To that end the Church, whose purpose is to serve, has endeavoured to meet the full circle of requirements.

#### RECREATION HAS REAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CHURCH

It has sought to do more, much more, than merely to induce people to worship. It has built the recreational hall as large, and sometimes larger, than the chapel. This is a very significant thing, and, so far as I know, it is the only place in the world where this situation exists. We have been subjected to some criticism because of it, but those who have criticized have not understood. They have supposed that a large indulgence in recreational activities indicated a light-mindedness not compatible with spiritual worship. They have not perceived that the real genius of all these activities lay in a long studied plan to interpret the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially for the young, in terms of joyful, cultural and righteous living.

That word culture brings me directly to the subject of this article. What is culture, and how is it related to true happiness? We are prone to think of culture merely as æsthetic refinement, love of the beautiful, and polite manners. It is true that it does contemplate these things and they are the natural fruit of it, but true culture, as I conceive it, is something more than outward manifestation. It includes attitude, thinking and feeling, and a philosophy of life. The newly adopted M. I. A. slogan correctly expresses it. It is a development of "the gifts within us," a cultivation of something which has potential growth. That something, in the last analysis, is the soul of man. To develop and expand the soul of man into the similitude of the soul of Christ is,

and must ever continue to be, the acme of Christian culture. It follows logically that such culture can be attained only through the inculcation of the Christian virtues.

Finesse in the display of beautiful things and delicate manners, however much we may admire them, is no substitute for goodness. Nothing has ultimate worth that cannot be trusted. Exterior polish alone never wins much confidence. We of the Church attach supreme importance to the development of our faculties and talents, because our religion teaches us that they are of eternal value. Whatever of knowledge and ability we attain to in this life will go with us in the life to come. We are not to begin over again, but where we left off. Our intelligences, always existing, are ever growing.

It is in their continual development that they approach divinity. On such a conception we base the statement that improvement is the law of life. Happiness is measured by the rate of progression. The only enduring satisfaction is that we have gone as far and as fast as the circumstances would reasonably permit.

Now, with this philosophy as a criterion of values, may we look at some of the things that have, or are supposed to have, cultural value. If we were to take them up in the order of their popularity, perhaps we should first mention the playing of cards. We will all agree that many refined people indulge in this pastime. Its advocates will contend, and we will agree, that it is a medium of social intercourse, that under some circumstances it is relaxing, and that it is an easy form of entertainment. But what is its cultural value? What talents does it develop? Perhaps a certain ability to outsmart another. Perhaps you have admiration for that ability, but how does it comport with Christian concepts. Long sitting is not conducive to health, and the cultivation of the gambling and speculative urge is surely undesirable, as the disasters of the past few years have clearly shown. Then, too, there are certain vices not necessarily inherent in the game itself, but traditionally associated with it, that make it one of hazard to the moral welfare of the youth in particular. Even those who are tolerant of the game will admit that a tremendous amount of time is wasted in it. I leave it to you to calmly appraise its cultural value.

#### TRUE VALUE OF CARD PLAYING IS SHOWN BY CONTRAST

I venture to contrast for you an evening of cards with one spent in enlightening conversation, or music, or reading, or lecture, or any combination of these. So far as the number of the company is concerned, the activities mentioned may be adapted as well as cards. So far as expense of the entertainment is concerned, it may be no greater. But what of the value and the satisfaction? Refined conversation cannot be carried forward without imparting and assimilating knowledge. It is an educational process of the highest order. It is an art, altogether too rare, that stimulates the mind and promotes the truest friendships. It brings understanding, tolerance and sympathy. It furnishes perhaps the surest evidence of learning and culture.

And then music—music in the home and in the social group. What an infinite charm there is to it! I think that some time, if ever the factors which have contributed to the civilization of

the race can be set out in bold relief, music will stand with an eminence conspicuous among the very highest. The influence of music, like that of personality, is enhanced by intimacy. We are thrilled by the great concert, the opera and the distant voices of the radio, but it is the harmonies of the home instrument and the sweet melodies of those we love that reach deep into the heart and stir the emotions which purify the soul.

What a joy is reading!—to sit down and commune with the master minds of the world, to secure, at a glance, the epitome of all their laborious researches and artful thinking, to be moved by the same inspiration that fired the author to heights of glory. What a privilege! How easy to embrace, and how sorely neglected!

And then to listen to the discussion of some one who is informed; not only to get the facts, but to feel the enthusiasm of the investigator and searcher after truth, to cultivate the open mind and to have the vision broadened. I ask you, how do these diversions compare with a night at cards? Think of the things of worth that are carried away. Think of the developing process that has gone into the arts of conversation, music, reading, and the lecture. Where does the preponderance of satisfaction lie?

Now, I have mentioned cards, not because I am particularly anxious to single out this subject for discussion, but because it represents a type of pastime that has grown very much in popularity in recent years, largely at the expense of what I regard as far more cultural and truly refining social activities. The disposition to do something because it is easy to do, requiring no initiative and but little effort, has surely been much in evidence of late. The entertainment provided in cheap shows (I have reference to the price of admission), the cheap public dance, and all sorts of spectacles to be seen and more than that, to be participated in, are, to my thinking, in this category. They provide little or no stimulus for the development of the gifts within us. It is my fear that the whole scheme of commercialized amusement is fast sapping the cultural vigour of the present generation, for the very simple reason that the incentive and opportunity for the exercise of personal talent for entertainment has largely disappeared, except on a professional basis.

#### THE CHURCH HAS STRIVEN TO COUNTERACT THIS TREND

I think perhaps our Church has seen this trend more clearly than anyone else, and it has striven, with all the facilities at its command, to counteract it. The work of the Mutual Improvement and Primary Associations, to this end, has been comprehensive and far-reaching. They have been charged with the development and conduct of the recreational program of the Church, and they are entitled to the deep gratitude of all the people for their admirable and distinctive contribution. Many a youth has found his way to happiness through the good offices of these institutions.

Many a country boy, whose early ideal of recreation was formed for him by groups of men hanging about the street corners, swapping stories and gossip, and smoking and chewing tobacco, with occasional indulgence in Sunday bronco-busting, has had his ideas and thinking completely changed by supervised basketball, polite



dancing, debate and speaking contests, good music, and spiritual exercise. Boisterous rowdyism with the whoop and yell of the cowboy has given way under the spell of refined etiquette and a genuine love for the beautiful. The country girl, too, has undergone a comparable, although perhaps not quite so extensive, change. City boys and girls, also, while their clothes and their manners may have indicated a little more polish, have been equal beneficiaries of the refining processes of these Associations.

I wish every young person in the Church would yield to the influence and teachings of these great educational and cultural agencies. If they would, there would be among them no smoking, no drinking, no wild parties with their tragedies and disasters. There would be no mother lying awake far into the hours of the morning, awaiting the belated coming of a son or daughter whose conduct fills her loving heart with dread and anxiety. There would be no tragedies come into the sacred precincts of the home, tragedies worse than death, to leave lasting stigma on the family name, and resulting from the wild, reckless abandon that stabs the hearts of parents more cruelly than daggers of steel. There would be no such hazard on the public highways as we now experience from thoughtless, reckless youth entrusted with powerful, dangerous forces. There would be no life-long regrets and bitter memories when maturity brings realization of the crimes of youth. How I wish it could be so! It could be if the young and the old alike could only be made to realize that there is no happiness except in goodness.

I would not for a moment deprive youth of pleasure. I love to see a boy and girl carefree. I do not want them weighted with responsibility. Their worries will come soon enough. I want their youthful days to be filled with joy, a joy that will go with them and help to keep them young in spirit all down through the years. I know that it will come to them if their pleasures are pure and wholesome, if their recreation develops the gifts with which God has endowed them.

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## A MISSION OF SERVICE

THE honourable release of Patriarch James H. Wallis and Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis from their active missionary duties marks one more glorious mile-post in their life's journey of devoted service to the Church. The two years that they have spent in Great Britain have been years of unceasing activity on their part to fulfill the important responsibilities that were theirs in the special work to which they were set apart. That they have been successful in their calling is evidenced on every hand by the enduring friendships they have made, by the happiness and inspiration they have brought into the lives of those with whom they have come in contact, and by the invaluable work that they have done for the Church.

Brother Wallis was ordained a patriarch under the hands of the First Presidency and specially called and set apart to perform his patriarchal duties in the British Isles, his fifth mission for the Church. In that capacity, and as his primary assign-

ment, he has done an outstanding work. Nearly fourteen hundred saints have received their blessings at his hands, reminding them of the gifts to which they, as people of the Lord, are entitled, warning them of the snares and pitfalls which might keep them from realizing those blessings, and designating for them their genealogical lineage. In giving these blessings, Brother Wallis has travelled thousands of miles among the branches of the Church in the British Isles. His sole desire has been that every deserving saint entitled to a blessing, should receive one and, though it has meant inconvenience to him at times, and more often, sacrifice, he has let nothing stand in the way of this exalted purpose.

His patriarchal work, however, time-engrossing though it was, did not satisfy his desire nor ability to serve. In addition to it,



PATRIARCH AND SISTER JAMES H. WALLIS

soon after he arrived in England, at the request of President John A. Widtsoe, he took over the associate-editorship of the *Millennial Star*. His many years of publishing experience and his eventful life in the Church qualified him unreservedly for this responsibility, and during his administration he has written many inspiring articles and editorials, in addition to supervising the publication of the *Star*, the very organ that gave him his literary and editorial start in England fifty-five years ago.

Brother Wallis' experience and ability were further recognized when he was appointed Director of Publicity for the European Missions. One of the newspaper fraternity himself, he made many valuable contacts with the British press while serving in this capacity, doing a great deal to dispel the unfavourable prejudice that has existed in that quarter. Brother Wallis has also supplied the various districts with advance publicity to aid them in their conference campaigns, and he has accomplished much in answering unfriendly articles that appeared from time to time in the press. He numbers among his friends many of

England's outstanding journalists as a result of his publicity activities in behalf of the Church.

Inasmuch as his patriarchal work of necessity took him several times into all of the Districts of the British Mission, Brother Wallis carefully arranged his itinerary to enable him to be present at each District conference. He attended nearly seventy such conferences during his mission, speaking at the Priesthood and evening sessions of each one, and never tiring in his efforts to expound and defend the Gospel. At his conference visits and throughout his whole mission labours, well over three score received the Priesthood through ordination at his hand.

In June of 1931, Patriarch Wallis participated in the Mission Presidents' Conference held at Copenhagen. Again in July of 1932, he attended the sessions of a similar conference held at Prague. And, as if all these activities were not enough to keep an active man busily occupied, Brother Wallis undertook, along with his other duties, the work of preparing a hymn book, expressly for the use of the European Missions. It is a collection of Church hymns, old favourites, that are particularly adapted to the saints in Europe. The Mission and General Church Authorities have approved and accepted it, and at the present time it is in the hands of the different mission presidents, being translated and published for use in the various missions.

Sister Wallis, too, has been very active during her mission in England. Soon after her arrival, she was called to serve as the first counsellor to Sister Leah D. Widsøe on the Relief Society Board of the European Mission. Her many years of Relief Society experience have enabled her to render invaluable assistance in the organization and administration of the mission-wide Relief Society work. London District, especially, has been privileged in having Sister Wallis to act as advisor to its Relief Society officers. Sister Wallis has accompanied Brother Wallis on nearly all of his conference visits, where she has given freely of her experience and advice to assist the branch and district Relief Society organizations. But most of all, she, with Brother Wallis, has made a home of homes where old and young alike could go for comfort, for encouragement, for admonition, and for interested fatherly and motherly advice and counsel. Busy as Brother and Sister Wallis always were, there was never a time when a visitor was not made warmly welcome by their delightfully sincere hospitality. Brother Wallis, endowed as he is with the wisdom of years of experience in civic and Church service, has been indeed a loving father to the saints and to the Elders of the British Mission. Sister Wallis has made for all a second home. They both have completely endeared themselves to the hearts of hundreds during their two years in England. They have, together, fulfilled in every way an honourable mission, a culmination, as it were, of the efforts of two lives utterly devoted to unselfish work in the Church.—ELDER RICHARD S. BENNETT.

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I EXPECT to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow human being let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—STEPHEN GRELLET.

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## EDITORIAL

### FAITHFUL SERVANTS

PATRIARCH JAMES H. WALLIS and his wife, Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis, after having fulfilled most successful missions and having received honourable releases, are leaving England for their American home on July 20th, 1933.

The British saints will regret the departure from the British Isles of these beloved people, who have greatly endeared themselves to all whom they have met; but in the mission field, arrivals and departures are the order of the day, and, happily, Brother and Sister Wallis will depart from these shores with the grateful blessings and prayers of thousands whom they have taught, befriended and blessed.

Brother Wallis has had the unique privilege and distinction of being the first patriarch, as far as the available records show, sent from the headquarters of the Church to devote himself, primarily, to the giving of patriarchal blessings among the worthy members of the Church in Great Britain. History will record this appointment with interest, since it will no doubt be followed throughout the years with other similar assignments.

It is a cause of rejoicing that Brother Wallis accepted the high calling of the patriarchal office in the Priesthood with so devoted a heart and understanding mind as to enjoy a rich, overflowing measure of the spirit of his calling. In season and out, in harsh as in mild weather, even in sickness as in health, he has filled his appointments, blessed and counselled the people. He has filled an honourable, noble mission. Of him it may be said, "Well done"—and the Lord will reward him as his fellow men praise him.

In addition to his patriarchal work, Brother Wallis, in attending regularly the semi-annual conferences of the Church in Great Britain, has stood loyally and helpfully by the side of Presidents A. W. Lund and James H. Douglas. His conference discourses have comforted and instructed all who have heard them—strangers, saints and missionaries. Moreover, he has served as Director of Publicity of the European Missions, Associate Editor of the *Millennial Star*, and in various capacities under the direction of the Presidents of the European Missions. His home has been the gathering place of those who hungered for spiritual guidance. His days and nights have been filled with strenuous, albeit joyful labour for the cause of Christ. The good fruits of his mission are many.

Sister Wallis has assisted her husband in all these labours.



Without her help he could not have accomplished so much or done it so well. But, Sister Wallis has had her own missionary assignments, which she has filled to the full satisfaction of all concerned. She has visited every district in the British Mission once or more, and spoken there to the saints assembled in conference, more especially to the sisters in their special meetings; she has acted as the first counsellor to Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, in the presidency of the Relief Societies of the European Missions; she has filled numerous special appointments; and she has kept, as it were, open house for friends, members and missionaries who have gathered there to be taught, comforted and inspired. She has been as busy as her husband, and her mission, fruitful of much good, has also been well done. She has richly earned her honourable release.

There is work for Latter-day Saints to do wherever they go; and undoubtedly for Brother and Sister Wallis the future holds ample labour in behalf of the latter-day work of the Lord. May health and strength wait upon them as they continue to serve and bless their fellowmen.

All the European Missions, most of them visited by Brother and Sister Wallis, will miss these kindly, lovable people. The European saints everywhere wish them a safe and enjoyable homeward journey and a long continued happy future with their large and splendid family.

Those who have received patriarchal blessings should cherish them carefully, read them frequently, hold them sacred, and live so that the promises made may be fulfilled upon their heads. They must be held as precious gifts of God.

Brother and Sister Wallis are splendid types of Latter-day Saints. In their accomplishments and character they exemplify the effect of the Gospel upon human lives. Latter-day Saints grow in power and every virtue, if they remain true to their covenants. We may all become like these dear friends who are returning from their European labours, if we will hearken to the commandments and obey the principles which constitute the Gospel of Jesus Christ.—W.

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## CULTURE AND HAPPINESS

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Sometimes I think that recreation develops our latent talents more readily than work and study—this for the reason that recreation usually contemplates social contacts which sharpen our wits and quicken our mental and emotional responses, putting us on our toes, so to speak, to be at our best in the company of others. That play has a high place among the educational factors of our day will not be denied by the modern psychologists and other trained observers.

I love education. I rejoice to see a trained mind in operation. It is music to my soul to hear the analysis and deductions of a skilled logician. I have sat with bated breath under the spell of

a great orator espousing the cause that he loves. I have been touched to the heart by both sweet and majestic music. I have been awed in the presence of fine paintings, great sculpture, and stately architecture. These are evidences of culture. They help to make the world beautiful and enrich life beyond estimation.

But, beyond all of these, there is something that has more nearly reached the very depth of my soul. It is what I regard as the ultimate culture, a development and refinement of both intellect and spirit, begetting power and vision almost divine, to discern the real values, to sympathetically appraise human nature and to inspire hope and faith. I think of this culture as being epitomized in one man more than any other I have ever known. His life and influence have affected me as no other life has ever done. He was not college trained, but He was a scholar, an orator and an inspirer of men. He was indifferent to the conventions of society, but His manners were those of a true gentleman. He was humble and modest, never vaunting His own strength or attainments, but His quiet dignity commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew Him. He was intolerant of sin, but He was kind and sympathetic and merciful to the sinner. This man was the product of spiritual culture, the refining, enlightening, mellowing influences of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ever since I have known this man, I have known that spiritual culture is the true culture, the polish and glow of goodness. I would to God that all might know it. How happy this world would be!—(Address delivered at the concluding session of the M.I.A. Conference at the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 11th, 1933.)

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### THE TRUEST GREATNESS

AFTER all, to do well those things which God ordained to be the common lot of all mankind, is the truest greatness. To be a successful father or a successful mother is greater than to be a successful general or a successful statesman. One is universal and eternal greatness, the other is phenomenal. It is true that such secondary greatness may be added to that which we style commonplace; but when such secondary greatness is not added to that which is fundamental, it is merely an empty honour, and fades away from the common and universal good in life, even though it may find a place in the desultory pages of history. Our first care, after all, brings us back to that beautiful admonition of our Saviour: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33.)

We should never be discouraged in those daily tasks which God has ordained to the common lot of man. Each day's labour should be undertaken in a joyous spirit and with the thought and conviction that our happiness and eternal welfare depend upon doing well that which we ought to do, that which God has made it our duty to do. Many are unhappy because they imagine that they should be doing something unusual or something phenomenal. Some people would rather be the blossom of a tree and be admiringly seen than be an enduring part of the tree and live the commonplace life of the tree's existence.—PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

## BRITISH MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY REPORT

THE following report shows the status of the British Mission Relief Society for the two years, 1931 and 1932. The comparative figures indicate the progress that has been made during the past year. It should be the desire of every member of the Society to pursue that course which will further the progress and growth of the organization during this present year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Enrolled January 21st :		1932	1931
Executive and Special Officers ... ..		284	254
Visiting Teachers ... ..		42	29
Members ... ..		387	365
Total ... ..		<u>713</u>	<u>648</u>
Enrolled December 31st :			
Executive and Special Officers ... ..		286	289
Visiting Teachers ... ..		48	36
Members ... ..		353	389
Total ... ..		<u>687</u>	<u>714</u>
Net Increase ... ..		—	66
Net Decrease ... ..		26	—

## ACTIVITIES

Subscriptions to Relief Society Magazine ... ..	24	38
Number of Meetings held ... ..	2369	2377
Average Attendance at Meetings ... ..	9	8
No. Visits to Families ... ..	5547	3010
No. Families Helped ... ..	695	573
Special Visits to the Sick and Homebound ... ..	3822	4242

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	1932			1931		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS :						
Balance on hand January 1st—Charity Fund	45	18	8	45	17	9
Balance on hand January 1st—General Fund	61	5	0	62	8	0
Donations for Charity Fund ... ..	109	5	7	118	0	10
Donations for General Fund ... ..	106	6	5	101	0	6
Other Receipts ... ..	85	17	8	121	0	6
Total ... ..	<u>408</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
DISBURSEMENTS :						
Charitable Purposes ... ..	162	12	11	170	17	4
General Purposes ... ..	126	13	9	160	8	11
Total ... ..	<u>289</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
Balance December 31st—Charity Fund ... ..	54	14	7	51	16	5
Balance December 31st—General Fund ... ..	64	12	1	65	4	11
Total ... ..	<u>408</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>448</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SACRAMENT GEM FOR AUGUST

PREPARE our minds that we may see  
 The beauties of Thy grace ;  
 Salvation purchased on the tree,  
 For all who seek Thy face.

## GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

*August 6.* Concert Recitation : (See Lesson Leaflet). Lesson 27. "God Moves in a Mysterious Way." Objective : To emphasize the fact that those who are to become leaders must be themselves devoted followers.

Zion's Camp did not succeed in restoring the saints to the possession of their homes and property, but it did serve to test the loyalty and devotion of the men who constituted that camp to the Prophet Joseph Smith and to the work of the Lord. Suggestions for discussion :

1. What circumstances led up to the organizing of Zion's Camp?
2. Why did the Lord "permit the enemies of Zion to smite her"? Discuss.
3. Was the Camp successful in restoring property back to the saints? Why?
4. What great purpose was accomplished by the Lord in organizing such a camp? Explain how He "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

*August 13.* Lesson 28. "The Glory of God is Intelligence." Objective : To show that real intelligence embraces the ability to make eternal progress.

In considering the subject of this lesson, two other subjects should be considered, viz. : Knowledge and Wisdom. Suggestions for class consideration :

1. All should seek to acquire knowledge. How does knowledge differ from wisdom?
2. "Knowledge is power." Will it give salvation? Satan has knowledge, and "the devils also believe and tremble."
3. Why is wisdom as well as knowledge necessary? Compare them.

*August 20.* Lesson 29. "The Law of Consecration." Objective : To show that God's perfect law can only be lived by those who have become perfect. Suggestions for class consideration :

1. Why were the saints unable to live the law of consecration?
2. Compare conditions with the Children of Israel in the wilderness (Doctrine and Covenants 84 : 23-25).
3. Compare the purpose of the law of Moses with the law of tithing.

*August 27.* Lesson 30. "Gifts of the Spirit." Objective : To emphasize that the many gifts of the Spirit are given as a reward for "obeying the laws upon which they are predicated." Suggestions for class consideration :

1. Who may receive the gifts of the Spirit? Discuss.
2. Compare a machine which is in use with a progressive human organism. What is the great difference?
3. What is the greatest of all gifts? What must we do in order to receive this gift? Discuss.



## NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

*August 6.* Concert Recitation: Matthew 7: 12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Lesson 26. "The Place of Forgiveness in Human Relations." Objective: To show how forgiveness tends to promote human brotherhood and to eliminate evil.

*August 13.* Lesson 27. "Prayer: How to Make it a Power for Spiritual Growth." Objective: To call attention to the value of prayer when coupled with faith and reverence, and leading to obedience to divine commands; and to its futility when it is but empty words.

*August 20.* Lesson 28. "Faith Without Works is Dead." Objective: To show the need of the fullest conformity to the teachings of the Gospel as applied to daily life.

*August 27.* Lesson 29. "The Value of Singleness of Purpose." Objective: To show that all worldly aims should be subordinate to the service of God.

## PRIMARY

*August 6.* Review Lesson. This is the period in which the children are given an opportunity to tell the stories which they have enjoyed during the past month. All teachers will prayerfully see to it that the children express, in their story telling, a belief in the principles which have been taught by these stories.

*August 13.* Lesson 67. "Youths Who Would Not Bow To An Idol." Text: Daniel 3. Objective: Courage to do right wins the favour of God and man.

*August 20.* Lesson 68. "Belshazzar's Feast." Text: Daniel 5. Objective: Evil brings unhappiness.

*August 27.* Lesson 69. "Daniel Dared to Serve God." Text: Daniel 6. Objective: Courage to do right wins the favour of God and man.—*The Instructor*.

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It is suggested that the two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "Why Forgive Those that Wrong Us?" and "Why is a Cheerful Countenance Necessary When Keeping the Commandments of God?"

For singing practice during the month of August, the following songs are suggested: "My Father in Heaven, and Dear Kindred There," and "Have I Done Any Good in the World To-day?"—L. T. N.

## MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

**SLOGAN:** "Inspired by the refining influences of 'Mormonism' we will develop the gifts within us."

Outlined in the M. I. A. lesson pamphlet is a special evening in the last week of July to commemorate the restoration of the Gospel in Great Britain. Every Branch is urged to carry out the suggestions for that evening as set forth in the lesson pamphlet, and, also, to adopt, for the conjoint Sunday meeting in August, the following programme in observance of the anniversary of that momentous event:

*Opening Hymn:* "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet."  
*Prayer.*

*Sacrament Song* (if the regular testimony meeting is not held) or "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning."

*Ten-minute Talk*: "Our new M. I. A. Slogan." (See Summer Study Course pamphlet). Everyone stand and repeat the slogan.

*Ten-minute Talk*: "The Calling and Departure of the Twelve Apostles for Foreign Missionary Labours." (See *Essentials of Church History*, Chapter 28. Give instances showing the personal sacrifices.)

*Quarrelle*: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

*Ten-minute Talk*: "Early Missionary Labours." Instances in Herefordshire. See *Essentials in Church History*, Chapter 28. Other instances are contained in volume 90 of the *MILLENNIAL STAR*, under British Mission History—a series of short articles.

*Chorus*: "Now Let Us Rejoice."

*Ten-minute Talk*: "Our Blessings." (Incidents of the Lord's blessings to saints in this land. Personal testimony and appreciation of the Gospel.)

*Closing Hymn*: "O Britain! Dear Britain!" (Words in June 29th issue of the *MILLENNIAL STAR*. Provide sufficient copies for congregation.)

BEE-HIVE DEPARTMENT. Every branch presidency and district Supervisor of the Y. L. M. I. A. should secure a copy of the new Handbook and become acquainted with this work. Swarms should be organized as soon as possible, and the weekly programme, as given in the Handbook, carefully followed. The future of the M. I. A. will depend upon the success of Bee-Hive work, for it is the feeding machine for other departments.

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## CHURCH WIDE NEWS

UNDER the auspices of the Church, more than 3,000 elderly residents of Salt Lake City, ranging from 100 down to 70 years of age, gathered together at one of the city's parks to observe the annual Old Folks' Day. The oldest guest of the day was Frederick Crowther, born in 1833 in Birmingham, England.

ELDER J. GOLDEN KIMBALL, one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies since 1892, celebrated his eightieth birthday on June 9th. At an afternoon luncheon in honour of Elder Kimball, one of the speakers paid tribute to him as "a man who has endeared himself to the hearts of a hundred thousand people."

ONE of the speakers at the annual June M. I. A. Conference was Dr. Roy O. Wyland, national director of education for the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. L. Wyland, a special guest on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Boy Scout movement in the Church, paid glowing tribute to the excellent results achieved in developing its young people through the M. I. A. and Scout organizations. He referred to his participation in the Conference as a great privilege and an inspirational and uplifting experience to him.

COLONIZER and a life-long member of the Church, Almeda Day McClellan, died recently in Salt Lake City, at the age of 102 years. During her colourful career she, with her husband, and at the direction of Brigham Young, helped to establish the "Mormon" colony in Arizona, and later, she participated in the colonizing movement into

Mexico. At the time of her death, Sister McClellan was honoured as the oldest mother in Utah. One of the seven oldest mothers in the United States, she is said to have had the greatest living posterity of any living woman in the United States. Surviving her are 439 descendants.

ACCORDING to the annual report of the general secretary, the Primary Associations throughout the Church increased their membership by 2,300 children last year to bring the total membership to 113,277. The Hawaiian Mission leads all missions with a total of 1,412 children on its rolls. Included in the total enrollment are approximately 6,600 children whose parents are not members of the Church. It is reported that, as a result of this contact, many have become interested in the Church, the interest in many cases resulting in whole families applying for Church membership.

CLIMAXING a recital of his perseverance in learning to sing, President Heber J. Grant, accompanied by organist Frank W. Asper and the Relief Society chorus, thrilled an audience of more than 5,000 at the recent Primary Association Conference held in the Tabernacle, by singing the four verses of the popular hymn, "O My Father." President Grant, in recalling his experiences, told his listeners that, though many vocal teachers had discouraged him in his efforts to learn to sing, with persistent practice, he mastered most of the Church hymns. Citing his experience as an example as the fruits of persistence, the President urged the Primary workers to inspire the children not to become discouraged in their attempts to learn, and to teach them that what one persists in doing becomes easy to do.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Appointments:** Elder Bartlett L. Christenson was appointed president of the London District July 8th, to succeed Elder Frank R. Miller. Elder Eugene A. Hooper was appointed president of the Bristol District on the same date to succeed Elder Russell L. Ellsworth.

**Releases and Departures:** Elder Henry Groom of the Newcastle and Birmingham Districts received his honourable release from active missionary duties on June 16th.

Elder Frank R. Miller of the Ulster, Welsh, and London Districts, the latter over which he presided, was honourably released from his missionary activities on July 8th. He will return home with his mother, Sister Alice Miller, who has been visiting in England during the past two months, aboard the s.s. *Manhattan*, sailing August 4th.

Elder Russell L. Ellsworth of the Sheffield and Nottingham Districts, Mission M. I. A. Supervisor in the British Mission Office, and President of the Bristol District, was honourably released on July 8th. He will return to America on the s.s. *President Harding*, sailing on the 27th of July.

Elder E. Le Roy Anderson, who laboured in the Manchester District, presided over the Ulster District, and served as Assistant Secretary of the British Mission during his missionary sojourn, received his honourable release on July 8th and will return to his home in America aboard the s.s. *Washington*, August 17th. Elders C. Dennis McCarthy and George H. Curtis, recently released, will return home with Elder Anderson.

## FAREWELL BOTH! FAREWELL!

(READ at the Liverpool District farewell to Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, held at Durham House, June 24th, 1933.)

Dear Brother and Sister, we bid you farewell,  
You're going to the mountains of Zion to dwell.  
Your mission in Britain is finished so well,  
To God we give glory, and bid you farewell!

So farewell to you both ; we meet but to part,  
And sorrow is struggling with joy in each heart ;  
There is grief, but there's hope, all our anguish to quell,  
For our Father goes with you ; so farewell both, farewell !

Farewell, you are going to the home of your youth,  
And the friends of our God, and the Temple of Truth,  
To the land where the saints in peace now do dwell,  
And our Master is with you ; so farewell both, farewell !

Farewell, and God speed you, good tidings to bear  
To our brothers and sisters who dwell over there ;  
On the sea, on the land, all His promises tell,  
And His arms shall enfold you ; so farewell both, farewell !

Farewell—but in spirit we often shall meet,  
Though the ocean divides us at one mercy seat ;  
But again we will meet, ne'er to part, but to dwell  
With our Master in glory ; 'till then, both farewell !

ANNIE JOHNSON, Preston Branch.

## DEATHS

**GODDARD**—Sister Millicent Goddard of the Mansfield Branch, Nottingham District, died Wednesday, June 7th. Elder Frank R. Bennett conducted the funeral services and dedicated the grave.

**WATTS**—Sister Harriet Y. Watts, of the Holloway Branch, London District, died on June 18th, following an illness of four years. Patriarch James H. Wallis presided over the graveside service at the Finchley Cemetery, and at the request of the family, spoke on the resurrection. Elder Bartlett L. Christenson dedicated the grave.

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